State Government and as such the necessary allocations have to be made by the respective States.

Foreign exchange Spent on tourism publicity

3087. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 476 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February 1994 and state the amount of foreign exchange spent on tourism publicity during the period 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD): Foreign exchange amounting to Rs. 4000.00 lakhs was spent on tourism publicity during 1992-93.

Pilots of Lufthansa for MG Express Ltd.

3088. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of German Pilots from Lufthansa Airlines are working for MG Express Ltd. (Modiluft) since 1993 for the operation of three aircrafts;

(b) what is the extent of foreign exchange liability on the Country on this account and what are the reasons for their deployment;

(c) how many experienced Indian Pilots this company have under their employment; and

(d) the reasons for not deploying Indian experienced Pilots for imparting training to new recruits?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAZ): (a) At present, M/s M.G. Express have engaged seven Pilots from Lufthansa for imparting training to pilots employed by M/s M.G. Express.

(b) Lufthansa is charging $20,000 per month for the team Leader and $ 18,500 per month for each training Pilot.

(c) and (d) M/s. M.G. Express have employed sixteen experienced Indian Pilots; two of them are examiners and three are instructors. Deployment of Pilots, whether Indian or foreign, is decided by the Company at its discretion.

Short term Private Sector Management Scheme

3089. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the public sector airlines gained anything by short-term private sector management;

(b) whether any assessment has been made of the efficacy of having private sector managers run the public sector airline for short-terms; and

(c) if so, the details thereof,

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c). A few among several private sector executives who joined public sector enterprises have performed well. However, it is difficult to make an assessment of their performance in quantifiable terms.

Identification for Economic and Uneconomic Air Routes

3090. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria used by Government to identify economic and uneconomic air routes;

(b) whether there was any inter-action with private airlines on this issue; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Normally profitability is the criterion by which economical/un-economical routes are identified by the operators.